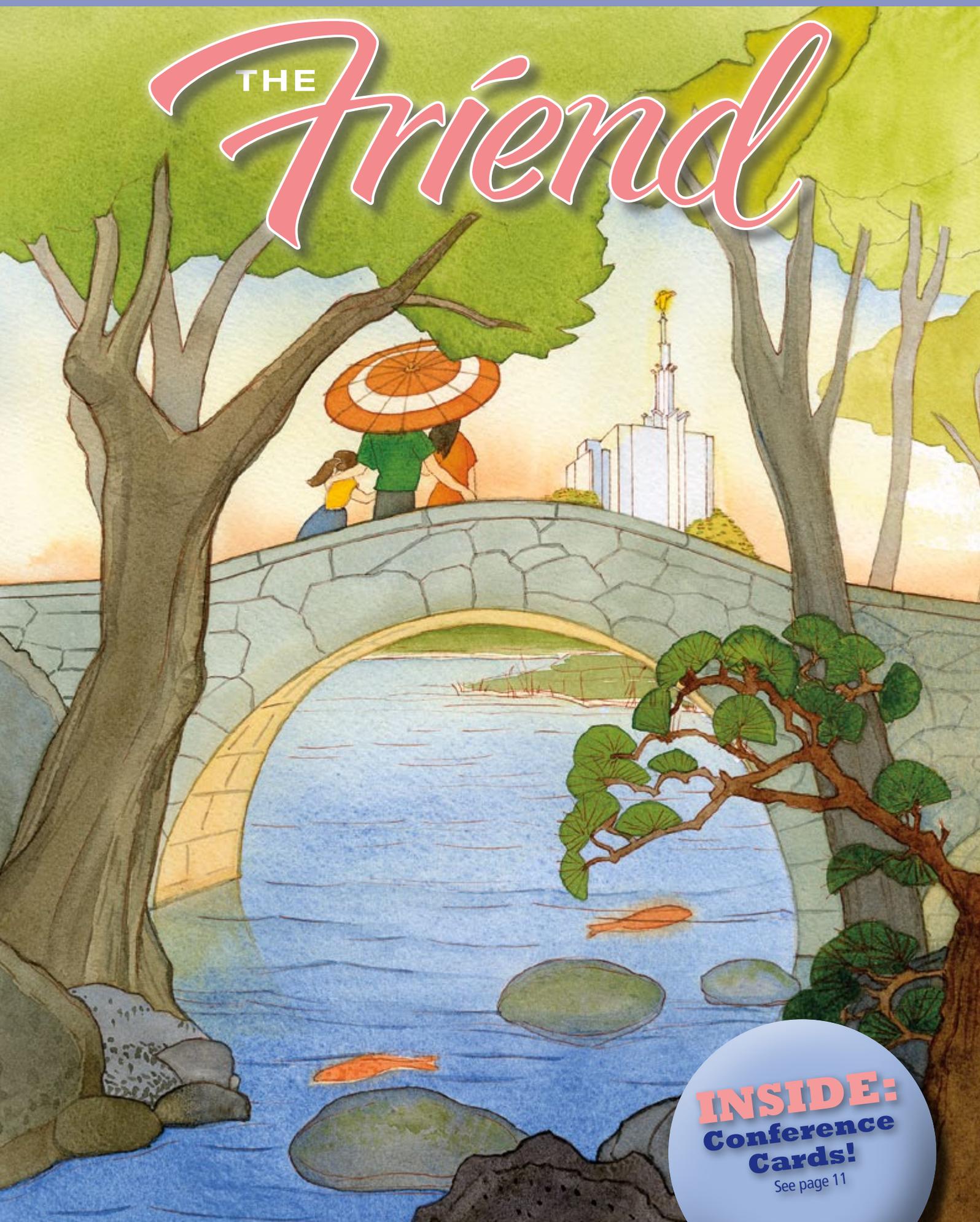
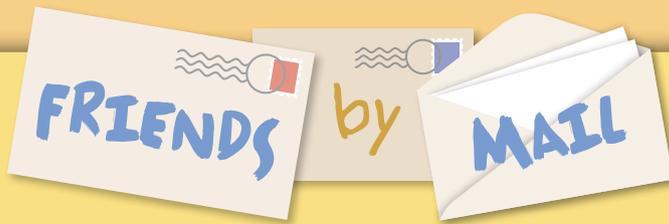


# THE *Friend*



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## Preparing for Baptism with the *Friend*



I can't wait until the *Friend* comes each month. When I see it, I immediately open it and start to read. I am going to be baptized in a couple of months. One of the ways I am preparing for my baptism is by reading the *Friend*.

**Cherish C., age 7, California**

## A Good Decision



I loved the story "A Day to Decide" (*Friend*, November 2010). One Sunday during general conference I went to my grandparents' house. General conference was going to start in 10 minutes, but I wanted to play on the computer. I had a feeling I shouldn't turn on the computer, but I did anyway. After a few moments, I decided to turn off the computer and watch conference instead. After conference, my mom asked us questions about what we heard. I got every question right! I'm glad I decided to listen to conference.

**Logan R., age 11, Utah**

## How I Read the *Friend*



Benjamin reads his *Friend* during a trip from Tennessee to Nebraska.

**Benjamin E., age 3, Nebraska**

## The *Friend* Needs You!

The *Friend* needs your help as we start a new section in the magazine next year called **Question Corner**. You can help us answer questions about getting along with friends, being a missionary, strengthening testimonies, and more. Here are two questions you can answer to help us get started. (Look for a special Question Corner sneak peek this November!)

**I don't know anyone I can invite to church. What are other ways I can be a missionary now?**

**My brother and I argue a lot. I want to be nicer, but it's hard. What are some things I can do to get along better?**

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## Hidden CTR Ring

Clue:

Have you done any good  
in the world today?



# To the Rescue!

**By President Henry B. Eyring**

First Counselor in the First Presidency

Our loving Heavenly Father wants each of His spirit children to return home to Him again. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to make safe passage possible. He has also placed guides and rescuers to help His children along the way. Parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents, aunts, and uncles are powerful guides and rescuers.

Primary workers also help guide children. One Primary teacher, as a younger person, was on the Primary general board that helped create the CTR motto. She taught in the Primary of her ward until she was almost 90 years old. Little children could feel her love for them. Above



all, because of her example they learned to feel and recognize the Holy Ghost.

One afternoon my wife had taken our oldest son to the home of a woman who was teaching him to read. I was to pick him up on my way home from work.

His lesson ended earlier than we had expected. He felt confident that he knew the way home. So he started to walk. After he had gone about half a mile (0.8 km), it started to grow dark. He was still very far from home.

The lights of the cars as they streamed past him were blurred by his tears. He realized that he needed help. So he left the road and found a place to kneel down.



Through the bushes he could hear voices coming toward him. Two young people had heard him crying. They said, “Can we help you?” He told them he was lost and that he wanted to go home. They asked if he knew his home phone number or address. He didn’t. They led him to the nearby place where they lived. They found our family name in a phone book.

When I got the phone call, I rushed to the rescue, grateful that kind people had been placed along his way home. And I have been ever grateful he was taught to pray with faith that help would come when he was lost.

I testify that the Lord loves you and every child of God. As you follow inspired direction in this, the true Church of Jesus Christ, you can be delivered safely to our home with Heavenly Father and the Savior. ♦

*From an April 2010 general conference address.*



## CTR GUIDE

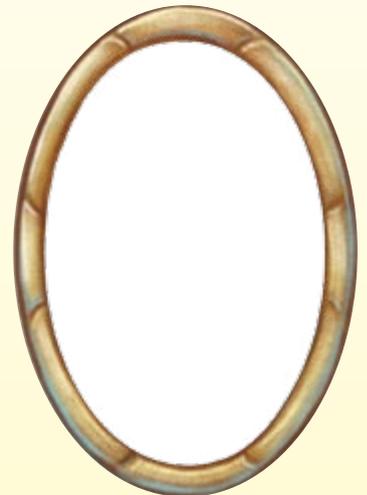
President Eyring told about a Primary teacher who helped create the CTR motto: Choose the Right. This motto has helped guide children in making good choices for many years. The CTR rings shown here are in German, Finnish, Portuguese, French, and Italian.

## WHO ARE YOUR GUIDES?

President Eyring said that Heavenly Father has placed guides and rescuers on earth to help children return to Him. In the picture frames below, draw pictures of some of the people Heavenly Father has given to guide you. You could write a note to thank one of these people for something he or she has done to help you.



A PARENT



ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER



A TEACHER



A CHURCH LEADER OR OTHER CHURCH MEMBER

# The Calling

By Corine Pugh

(Based on a true story of pioneer John Carling)

*Build a house to my name, even in this place, that you may prove yourselves unto me that ye are faithful in all things whatsoever I command you (D&C 124:55).*

**I**saac, Isaac.” It was his mother’s voice. “Your father needs you at the corral.”

Isaac raised his head and looked out the window. Sure enough, the sun was coming up, and that meant it was time for chores. Isaac stumbled out of bed and reached for his shirt. He could hear the oxen mooing.

As he went out the kitchen door, he saw Papa leading old Taurus through the gate.

“Where are you going so early, Papa?” Isaac asked.

“Just over to the fence. I need you to hold the grain bucket so Taurus will stand still.”

The ox bellowed, as if asking, “What is going on this morning?” But as Isaac held the bucket under his nose, Taurus calmed down and began licking up the grain with his long tongue. While the ox ate, Papa tied the halter rope securely to the fence.

When Mama stepped out the front door, Papa said, “I have a special project, Emeline. Will you please bring me the wide carpenter pencil from the desk?”

When Mama came back with the pencil, Papa laid some boards on the ground. Then, after looking carefully at Taurus, he began drawing on the smooth yellow wood.

“What are you doing, Papa?” Isaac asked.

“Brother Fordham and I have been given an important assignment for the temple,” Papa explained. “We are going to help make the 12 oxen statues to hold up the font in

the baptistry. I am drawing the pattern, and Taurus is my model.”

Hearing his name, Taurus raised his head, then went back to his breakfast.

Isaac watched his father sketching long, wide lines. “That is beginning to look just like Taurus,” Isaac said. “But why did you choose him?”

“Because he is strong and the best ox I have ever seen. See how he stands? He seems to be aware of his importance. Taurus is obedient too.”

“This project is a very special calling, Papa. Isn’t it?”

“Yes, Son, it is. I am thankful I have been asked to help.”

Isaac stroked Taurus’s neck. He could feel the ox’s strong muscles. “What an honor for you, old boy,” he whispered.

Isaac finished his chores quickly. He even made his usual two dozen wooden clothespins faster than usual. He knew when he finished he would have time to do as he wished.

Today Isaac wanted to draw. His parents had given him permission to draw on the fireplace hearth, using pieces of charcoal from the burned logs. The charcoal washed off easily, and he could use it to make wide or narrow lines.

As Isaac drew Taurus, he thought about his father and the beautiful temple being built in Nauvoo. If Isaac was strong and obedient like Taurus, maybe the Lord would choose him to work on the temple, just like his father. ♦



**"Share your talents, for that which we  
willingly share, we keep."**

President Thomas S. Monson



bright idea



“I can do **all**  
**things** through  
**CHRIST** which  
strengtheneth me.”

-Philippians 4:13



Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles shares some thoughts on this subject.

# Why is it important to serve others?



In partaking of the sacrament each week, we witness our commitment to serve the Lord and our fellowmen.

Our Savior gave Himself in unselfish service. He taught that each of us should follow Him by denying ourselves of selfish interests in order to serve others.



We are happier and more fulfilled when we act and serve for what we give, not for what we get.



Jesus taught that we who follow Him should be precious and unique, to shine forth to all men.

**By Laura Byrd**

(Based on a true story)

*Where love is, there God is also* (Children's Songbook, 138–139).

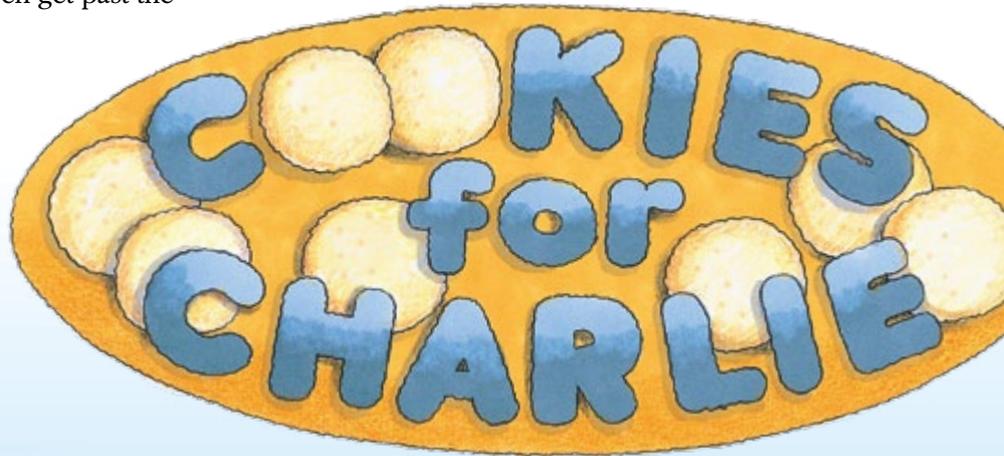
**M**om slumped onto a kitchen chair and sighed. “What’s wrong, Mom?” Megan asked.

“Oh, I’m just frustrated,” Mom said. “I keep trying to visit teach Sister Raymond, but I can’t even get past the front door.”

“Why not?” Megan asked.

“Sister Raymond’s husband isn’t a member of the Church, and he doesn’t like it when we visit his wife. Sometimes she talks to us through the screen door for a few minutes, but today she wouldn’t even do that.”

Megan gave Mom a hug. She didn’t like seeing her



so sad. Then she ran to the kitchen and brought back a warm sugar cookie for Mom.

“Thanks, sweetie. You always know how to make people feel better.”

On Saturday morning, Megan walked into the kitchen just as Mom was hanging up the phone.

“That was the Relief Society president,” Mom said. “She just heard that Sister Raymond had an operation yesterday and has to stay in the hos-

pital for a few days. She wanted to let me know since I’m Sister Raymond’s visiting teacher.”

“Are you going to go visit her?”

Megan asked.

“Yes, this afternoon. I’m going to pick some flowers from the garden to brighten up her hospital room.”

As Mom went outside with the clippers, Megan thought about poor Sister Raymond. Then she thought about Sister Raymond’s



husband, having to sit alone in an empty house every night. Suddenly she had an idea.

That afternoon, Megan followed Mom into the hospital room. A tired-looking woman was sitting up in bed, and a man with a sad, serious face sat next to her.

"Hello, Sister Raymond," Mom said. "This is my daughter, Megan. We hope you're feeling better." She handed her a pink and red bouquet.

"Oh, how nice!" Sister Raymond said. "I love flowers. This is my husband, Charlie," she said, squeezing his hand.

"Then these are for you," Megan said, giving him a covered plate.

"For me?" he asked. He peeked under the foil. "Sugar cookies!"

"I thought you might not feel so lonely if you knew someone was thinking of you."

"Thank you, Megan. That's very kind," he said. And he smiled.

On Tuesday they went back to the hospital. When they got to Sister Raymond's room, Charlie grinned and said, "There's our little cookie maker! I was hoping you would come see us again."

Megan kept the Raymonds laughing with stories about fifth grade; her pet rabbit, Mr. Twinkles; and her little brother, Ian. When it was time to go, Charlie put his hand on her shoulder.

"Megan, I hope the two of you will stop by again soon," he said.

"But you'll be leaving tomorrow," Megan said.

"So come to our house!"

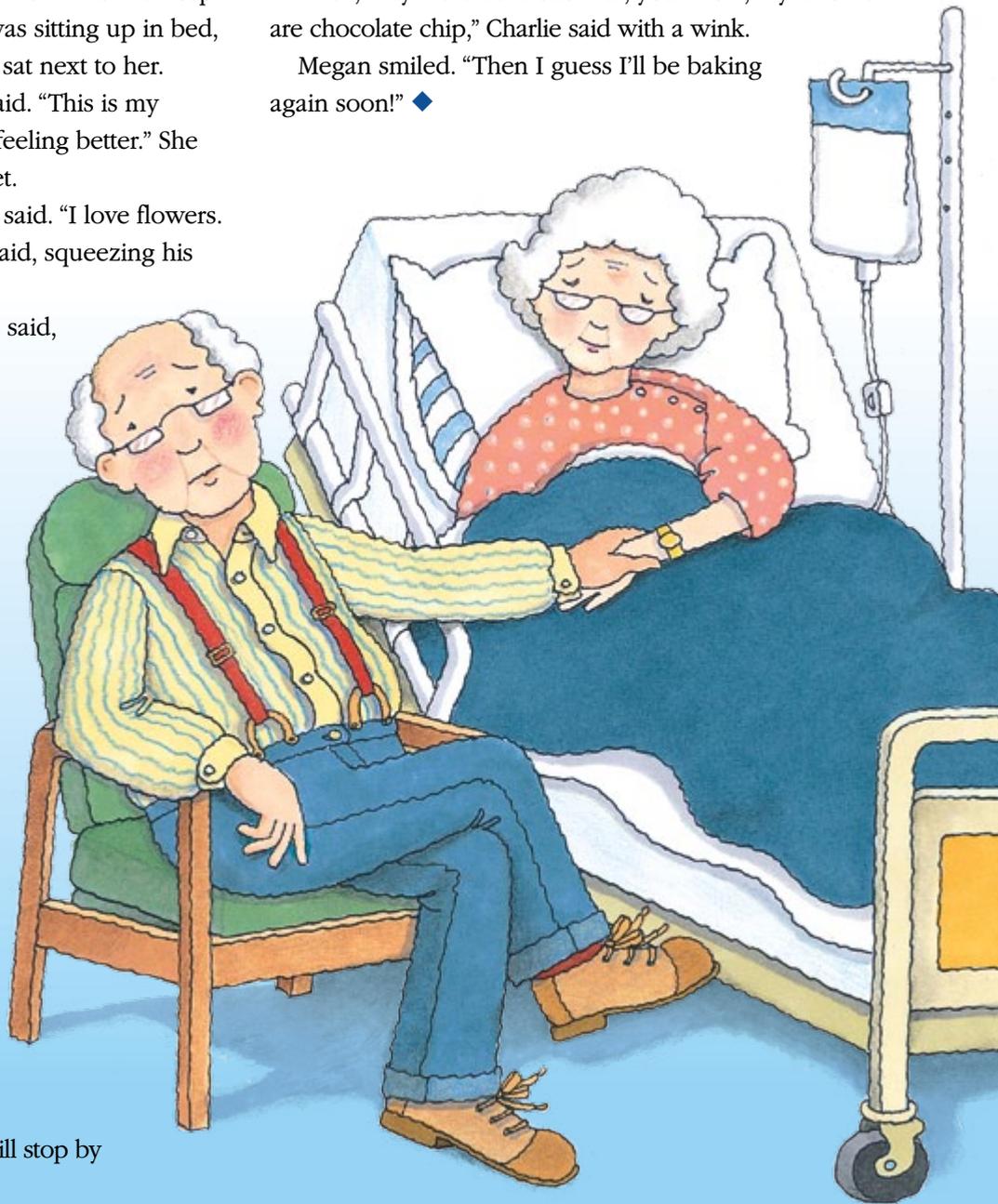
"Really?"

"Of course. Thoughtful young ladies and their moms are always welcome. And thank you again for the cookies. They were the best I've had in ages. What's the secret ingredient?"

"There isn't one," Megan said, but she smiled to herself. Maybe a little love made cookies sweeter.

"Well, they were delicious. But, you know, my favorite are chocolate chip," Charlie said with a wink.

Megan smiled. "Then I guess I'll be baking again soon!" ♦



**"Charity is the pure love of Christ. He lives. As we serve others . . . , we feel His joy."**<sup>2</sup>

President Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency

# The **MOST** Special Day



**By Corbin R.**  
(Based on a true story)

*The family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children* ("The Family: A Proclamation to the World").

**M**y grandparents used to take me to church while my parents stayed home, but that started to change the day the missionaries came to our house to visit my family. They taught my mom about the Church. When I turned eight, Mom and I got baptized on the same day. That was really neat. My whole family started going to church together. We started praying, paying tithing, having faith in Jesus Christ, repenting, and studying the scriptures.

My parents saw how the Spirit touched our lives. Mom and Dad had the desire to be sealed in the temple. They couldn't wait for me and my brothers to be sealed to them. They went to the bishop to ask how they could do this. They worked hard to prepare for the temple.

We picked a day to be sealed in the temple. We invited Grandma and Grandpa and friends too. Grandma was so excited she cried. She told us that it is important to be reverent in the temple. She also told us we would all be dressed in white.

When we got to the temple, my three brothers and I went into a room where we sang songs and played quietly while we waited for Mom and Dad. I felt the Spirit there.

Then my brothers and I got dressed in white clothes and went to see Mom and Dad in the sealing room. They were dressed in white too. They looked so happy when they saw us. We all knelt together and put our hands on Mom's and Dad's hands. My baby brother, Caden, put his hand on the very top and smiled at us all. We were so happy at that moment. I could really feel the Spirit.

Mom said it was the most special day. It was my favorite day too because I knew we can be together forever. That made me feel happy. ♦



**"By the power of [the] priesthood, families truly can be together forever."<sup>3</sup>**

Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles



# Conference Spotlight Cards

*You can cut out these cards and use them to remind you of what you learned in general conference.*



"My young friends . . . , always have the temple in your sights. Do nothing which will keep you from entering its doors and partaking of the sacred and eternal blessings there."

**President Thomas S. Monson**



"It is a glorious thing to be a Christian and to live as a true disciple of Christ."

**Elder L. Tom Perry of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles**



"From what might appear to you to be small choices, the Lord will lead you to the happiness you want. Through your choices He will be able to bless countless others."

**President Henry B. Eyring, First Counselor in the First Presidency**



"Through our heartfelt kindness and service, we can make friends with those whom we serve. From these friendships come better understanding of our devotion to the gospel and a desire to learn more about us."

**Elder M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles**



"Don't let a day go by without doing something to act on the promptings of the Spirit."

**President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, Second Counselor in the First Presidency**



"We cannot see our Heavenly Father, but we can listen for His voice to give us the strength we need to endure the challenges of life."

**Sister Jean A. Stevens, First Counselor in the Primary General Presidency**



"You have come to earth at this time, . . . and the Lord has set His hand to prepare the world for His glorious return. These are days of great opportunity and important responsibilities. These are your days."

**Elder Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles**



"You are not alone! . . . As you keep the covenants you have made, the Holy Ghost will guide and guard you. You will be surrounded by heavenly hosts of angels."

**Sister Elaine S. Dalton, Young Women General President**

# Bulletin Board

## Doing GOOD

These words are from the hymn "Have I Done Any Good?" (Hymns, no. 223). This song is full of questions! Read the questions, and then make a goal to answer "YES!" to them at the end of a few weeks.

Have I done any good in the world today?

Have I helped anyone in need?

Have I cheered up the sad and made someone feel glad?

Has anyone's burden been lighter today because I was willing to share?

Have the sick and the weary been helped on their way?

When they needed my help was I there?

These children try to do good in their lives by being kind to others.

In Cub Scouts we are taught to help others and to give goodwill. One night my family was weeding in our yard. I noticed our neighbor was weeding her yard too, but all by herself. I quickly walked over to her yard to help her weed. Helping my neighbor made me feel good inside.

**Joshua N., age 8, Nevada**

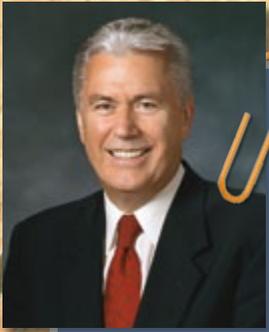


My dad and I went to watch the Boy Scouts race their cars at the Pinewood Derby. When it was over, there were cupcakes for everyone. When I went to eat mine, I remembered my mom and sister at

home. They didn't get a cupcake, so I took mine home to share it with them. We cut it into three pieces and each had some. It makes me happy when I can think of others before myself.

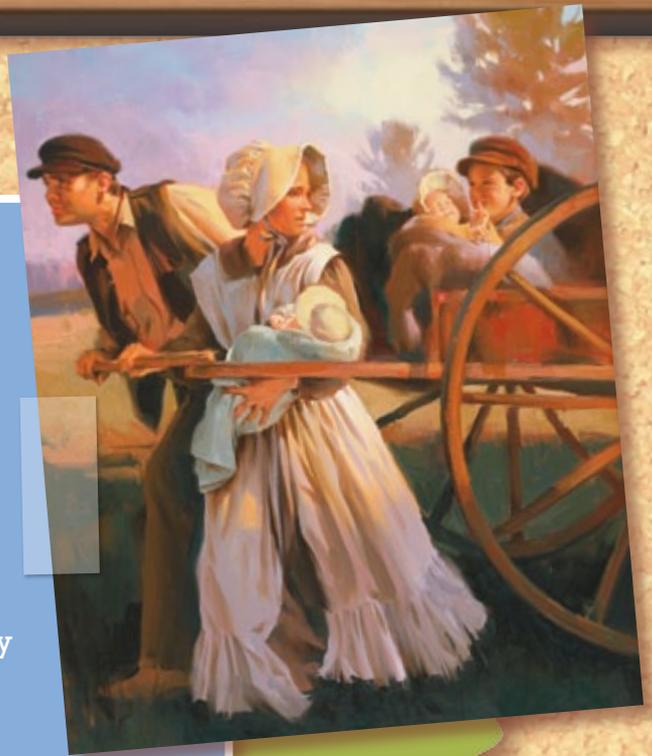
**Morgan N., age 9, Utah**





"I love and honor the faith and courage of those early pioneers of the Church. None of my ancestors were among those who lived in Nauvoo or Winter Quarters, and none made the journey across the plains. But as a member of the Church, I claim with gratitude and pride this pioneer legacy as my own. With the same joy, I claim the legacies of today's modern-day Church pioneers who live in every nation."\*

*-President Dieter F. Uchtdorf  
Second Counselor in the First Presidency*



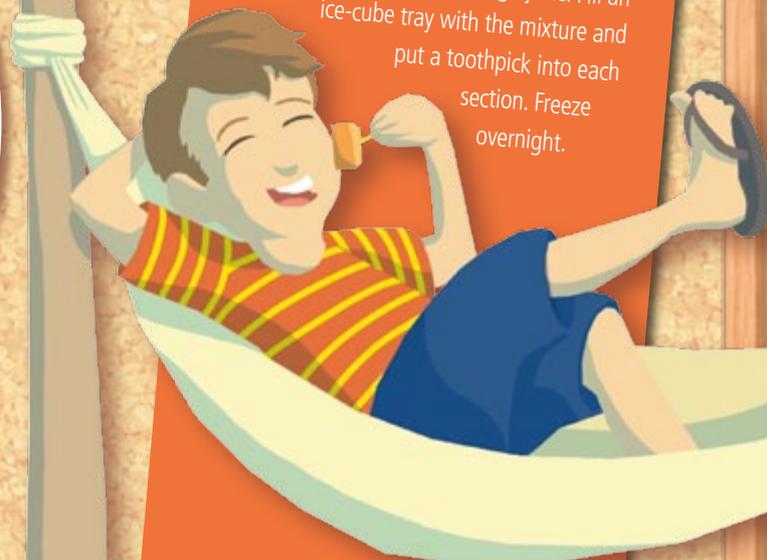
## Journal Junction

This month, write about things you like to do outside. Do you like hiking in the woods or collecting shells on the beach? Do you enjoy reading under a tree or drawing chalk pictures on the sidewalk? Write about a new outdoor activity you would like to learn.

## Fruity Pops

By Shanna Butler

Enjoy these cool treats on a hot day! With a parent's help, cut three strawberries into small pieces and drain the liquid out of one small can of mandarin oranges. Mix the fruit together with one cup of orange juice. Fill an ice-cube tray with the mixture and put a toothpick into each section. Freeze overnight.



\*"Faith of Our Father," *Ensign*, May 2008, 70.



# Jesus Teaches about Finding Those Who Are Lost

By Diane L. Mangum

From Luke 15.

One day in Galilee Jesus sat down to eat dinner with some people who were not righteous. When some men called **Pharisees** saw Jesus eating with sinners, they grumbled. Why would Jesus eat with those people?

Jesus answered the men by telling them three **parables**.

First He told about a sheep that got lost in the mountains. The shepherd left his other 99 sheep and searched for the lost one



### Pharisees

*Men who took great pride in practicing the Jewish religion very strictly.*

until he found it. Then he told his friends, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost."

Jesus wanted the men to understand that people who have sinned are like the lost sheep. Heavenly Father is like the loving shepherd, and every single person is important

to Him—including those who make bad choices. Jesus said that when one sinner repents there is great joy in heaven.

The second parable Jesus told was about a woman who lost one of her ten silver coins. She swept her house and searched diligently until she finally found her lost coin. Then she celebrated joyfully with her friends.

Jesus was teaching the Pharisees that instead of

being proud of how righteous they thought they were, they should search for people who are lost from the Church and be joyful when they come back.

The third parable was about two sons. The older one worked hard on his father's farm and did everything his father asked. The younger son asked his father for money and then went to another land. There he spent all the money living foolishly and sinning.

### Lessons from Two Brothers

When have you been like the obedient older son in the parable of the prodigal son? How does Jesus want you to treat those who have

disobeyed and then repented? What does Jesus want us to do when we have been disobedient?



### Parables

*Small stories that use*

*everyday things like sheep and coins to teach a gospel lesson.*





Poor, hungry, and sad, he decided to go back home and beg his father for forgiveness.

When the father saw his younger son coming down the road, he ran and kissed him. Then he had his servants bring his **prodigal** son new clothing and shoes and prepare a big celebration.

The older son, who

**Prodigal**  
*Extremely wasteful.*



always obeyed his father, was angry. Why should there be a celebration for his brother, who had sinned and wasted his father's money?

The father explained that the older son would be richly blessed for all the good things he had done. But when the younger son was living a life of sin, it was like

he was lost and not safe. Now that he had humbly repented, he was found again and had come safely home.

Heavenly Father will always generously bless those who are righteous. But He loves all of His children and wants us to help find those who have lost their way and welcome them back. ♦

# The LOOKOUT Girls



**By Jane Cleere Johnson**

(Based on a true story)

*I'm happy as can be when I am helping others, for then I'm helping me (Children's Songbook, 197).*

**A**my and Becca lay wide awake in their beds. Amy counted stars out the window as they appeared one by one in the sky.

Becca sat up. "Amy," she said, "I can't sleep."

"I know," Amy said. "Me neither."

"We forgot to say family prayer again tonight," Becca whispered.

"I know," Amy said. "Mommy forgot to tell us to brush our teeth too. I guess taking care of baby Eric makes Mommy forget things."

"Yeah," Becca agreed. "And Daddy is out of town, so he can't remind us."

"I have an idea," Amy said. "Let's look out for things that Mommy might forget."

"OK," Becca said. "Let's call ourselves the Lookout Girls."

"That's a great name," Amy said. "The Lookout Girls will start tomorrow!"

The next day the girls woke up early.

Amy jumped out of bed. "Don't forget we need to make our beds before breakfast," she said.

"OK," Becca said.

The girls finished just in time to hear Mommy calling them to breakfast.

"Don't forget, Becca. We need to wash our hands before we eat," Amy said.

Amy and Becca washed up and started down the hallway. Amy noticed Becca's skates on the floor.

"Don't forget to pick up your skates before someone trips on them," Amy reminded.

Becca picked up her skates and marched back to her room. "Amy sure is being bossy," she mumbled.

After breakfast, Amy said, "Don't forget to take

your dishes to the sink, Becca."

"OK," Becca said, frowning.

"What's the matter?" Amy asked. "I'm just trying to help you remember."

"I know," Becca said. "But you won't let me remember anything!"

"I know you remember things," Amy said. "I just think of them first. But don't worry. You'll get a turn."

When it was time to go to the store, Amy and Becca climbed into the car and buckled their seat belts. Mommy buckled Eric into his car seat.

"Don't forget to buckle your seat belt, Mommy," Amy said.

Becca stared out the window.

When Mommy pulled into a parking spot, Amy jumped out of the car and started walking toward the store.

Becca called out, "Wait, Amy. Don't forget to hold my hand and watch for cars."

"Oops, I forgot," Amy said, taking her sister's hand. "Thanks, Becca. I'm glad you remembered."

At bedtime, Becca said, "Don't forget, Mommy. We need to say our family prayer."

"And we need to brush our teeth," Amy said.

"You girls haven't let me forget a thing today," Mommy said. "You sure have been helpful."

The girls smiled at each other. "We did a good job," Becca whispered.

"Yeah," Amy said, putting her arm around her younger sister. "The Lookout Girls are a good team!" ♦

**"There are some simple things you can do to help your mother. You can pick up your toys when you are finished playing with them, . . . and do other chores—without being asked."**

Elder M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles



# Surrounded by WATER

## Joseph of Apu Inti Island, Lake Titicaca, Peru

By Adam C. Olson

Church Magazines

Seven-year-old Joseph has grown up around water. Or rather he has grown up with *water* all around *him*—surrounded by the cold waters of Lake Titicaca in Peru. That’s what happens when you live on a small island made of floating reeds.

Joseph and his family are part of the Uros people, who have built and lived on floating islands on Lake Titicaca for hundreds of years. They fish in the lake. They bathe in the lake. They row across the lake to get from island to island.

You might think that Joseph, being so used to the water, wouldn’t be nervous about standing in a baptismal font in a few months to be baptized. But he feels the same way many other children feel.

“I’m excited,” he says. “But I’m worried about going under the water.”

With water all around them, Uros children are taught to be careful with water. So after Joseph told his parents about his worries, the family talked about baptism during family home evening, and Joseph and his father practiced what to do.

“My father will baptize me,” Joseph says. “He helped me to not be so afraid.”

Now Joseph is diligently preparing for his baptism. He is trying especially hard to pay attention during Primary and to learn the Articles of Faith. He knows that will help him now and in the future.

“I’m going on a mission,” he says. “Like Nephi said, I will go and do the things the Lord commands” (see 1 Nephi 3:7). ♦



### Some of Joseph’s Favorites

- The story of Nephi getting the brass plates (see 1 Nephi 3–4).
- The tenth article of faith.
- Playing with his sister and his niece and nephew (above), whom he calls his brother and sister.
- Eating fried trout and potatoes.
- Taking care of his lamb.



**We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, and so forth.**

**S**ome of the blessings we receive from Heavenly Father are spiritual gifts. These gifts are given to those who are obedient and worthy to receive them.

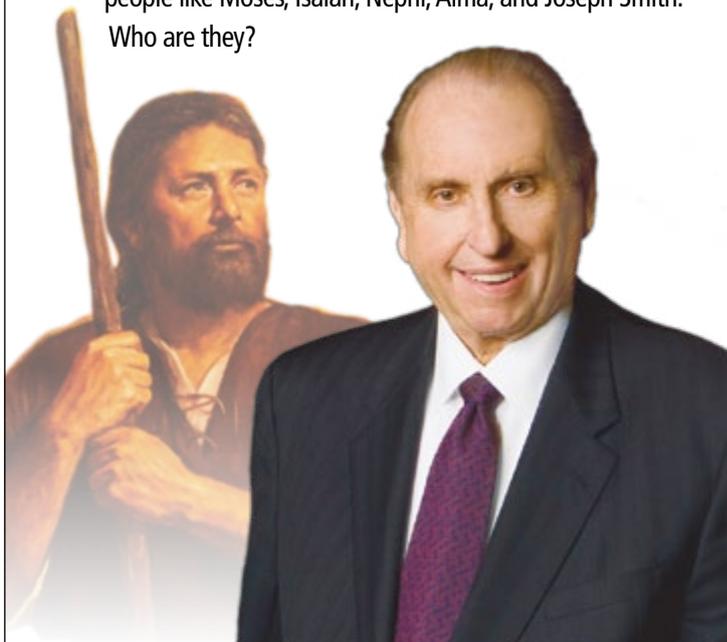
### **1. Who might receive the gift of tongues and the interpretation of tongues? (*Tongues means languages.*)**

These people are called to preach the gospel. They work in pairs. More than 50,000 are serving around the world. Who are they?



### **2. Who can receive the gift of prophecy?**

These men are called of God to lead and guide the Church. Many of them wrote books that are now scripture. They are people like Moses, Isaiah, Nephi, Alma, and Joseph Smith. Who are they?



Play Articles of Faith Memory Quest at [lds.org/friend](http://lds.org/friend)!

### **3. Who can receive the gift of revelation?**

This spiritual gift can be given to young and old. The prophet receives revelation for the Church. A bishop receives revelation for his ward. Mothers and fathers receive revelation for their families. You can receive revelation for yourself. Who can receive revelation?



# A Hug for Jennifer

By Jennifer Ricks

(Based on a true story)

*Be of good comfort* (Matthew 9:22).

Jennifer shut her bedroom door and threw herself on the bed. She wiped the hot, wet tears from her cheeks and tried to quiet her sobs.

She had just argued with her older brother and sister. Mom and Dad had left to go to the grocery store, and it felt like they would never come home.

Jennifer felt horrible. As much as she tried to stop her lip from trembling, she still felt very unhappy. “If Mom and Dad were home, things would feel a lot better,” she thought.

Then Jennifer remembered something she had learned about prayer in Primary. “You can pray anytime,” her Primary teacher had said. “You can pray when you feel happy and when you feel sad.”

Jennifer knelt beside her bed. She threw the blanket over her head so that she wouldn’t be interrupted if someone opened the door. She dried her tears again, folded her arms, and began to pray.

“Heavenly Father,” she said, “please forgive me for fighting with my brother and sister today. And please help me to feel

“Heavenly Father answers all sincere prayers.”<sup>5</sup>

Bishop Keith B. McMullin, Second Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric

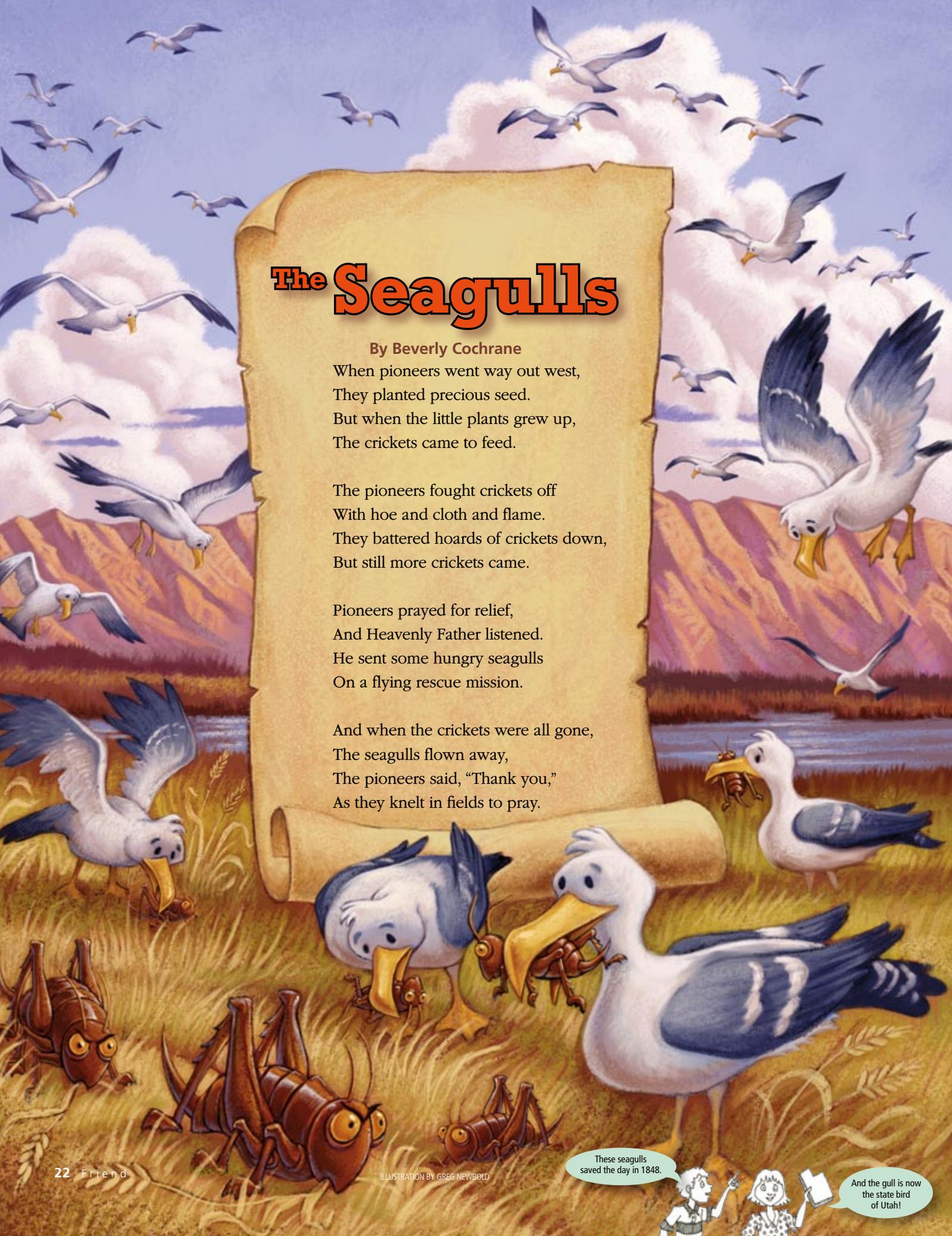


better. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.”

Now Jennifer didn’t feel like crying anymore. Slowly, the hurt feeling inside changed into a warm, peaceful feeling. She felt as good and as loved as if someone were giving her a hug.

When her parents came home later, Jennifer had apologized and was playing with her brother and sister again. As Mom walked through the door, Jennifer ran

and gave her a hello hug. A hug from Mom felt wonderful, but Jennifer had learned that even when Mom wasn’t home, she could feel the comforting love of Heavenly Father. ♦



# The Seagulls

By Beverly Cochrane

When pioneers went way out west,  
They planted precious seed.  
But when the little plants grew up,  
The crickets came to feed.

The pioneers fought crickets off  
With hoe and cloth and flame.  
They battered hoards of crickets down,  
But still more crickets came.

Pioneers prayed for relief,  
And Heavenly Father listened.  
He sent some hungry seagulls  
On a flying rescue mission.

And when the crickets were all gone,  
The seagulls flown away,  
The pioneers said, "Thank you,"  
As they knelt in fields to pray.

By Heather Brinkerhoff

Remember to ask an adult  
for help when you make a  
Kitchen Crafts recipe!



**2/3 cup rice**

**1/3 cup brown sugar**

**4 cups whole milk**

**1/2 teaspoon salt**

**1/4 teaspoon cinnamon or nutmeg**

**1 teaspoon vanilla**

**1/4 cup regular or golden raisins, if desired**

# PIONEER PUDDING

1. Wash your hands.
2. Turn the oven on to 275°F (135°C).
3. Put all the ingredients into a 2-quart (2-L) glass baking dish and stir together.
4. Have an adult help you put the dish in the oven.
5. Take the pudding out of the oven after two hours.  
Serve warm or cold.

# Thomas Bullock



What lists could you make in your journal? Maybe you could make a list of the children in your Primary class or a list of your favorite books.

1 <sup>st</sup> Term	2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	3 <sup>rd</sup> Term	4 <sup>th</sup> Term
Brigham Young	1	4	1
John H. Green			
Frederick DeLaney			
J. P. Rockwell	1	-	2
Joseph S. Saffell			
Joseph A. Saffell			
H. C. Hildreth	1	-	4
Wm. C. Smith			
David P. Smith	1	-	2
Joseph S. Saffell			
William Saffell			
Thomas Bullock	1	1	4
Harvey Pierce			
Benjamin Hildreth			
William Saffell	1	2	1
David Saffell			
George A. Smith	1	2	2
Amasa Saffell			
Albert Saffell	1	4	-
A. P. Saffell			
John J. Saffell			
Marshall Saffell	1	4	-
David Saffell			
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1 <sup>st</sup> Term			

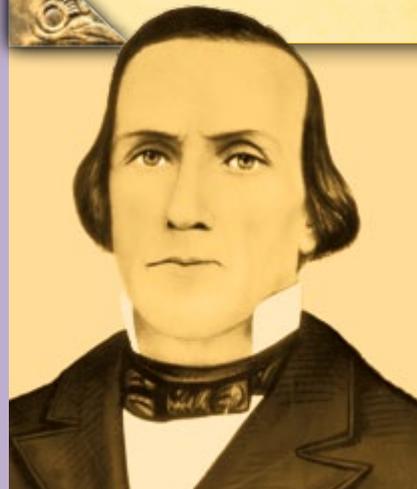
Thomas Bullock kept the official journal for the first group of pioneers who traveled to the Salt Lake Valley with Brigham Young in 1847. Brother Bullock made lists. He wrote the names of every person who traveled west with him. From this list we know exactly who was on that trek.



# Journal from PA

By Marilyn

On these pages you can see how life was more than 150 years ago by early pioneers. If you read them, you may get ideas of what you should do. Try to write in your journal as often as you can. Write up and have your own children, you can use your journal so they can know what life was like their age!



If you have a favorite food, you could copy the recipe in your journal.



Here is a picture of Luke Johnson's journal. He also traveled with Brigham Young as the company doctor. In those days, a doctor had to make the medicines he used to help people get well. He wrote the recipes for his medicines in his journal.

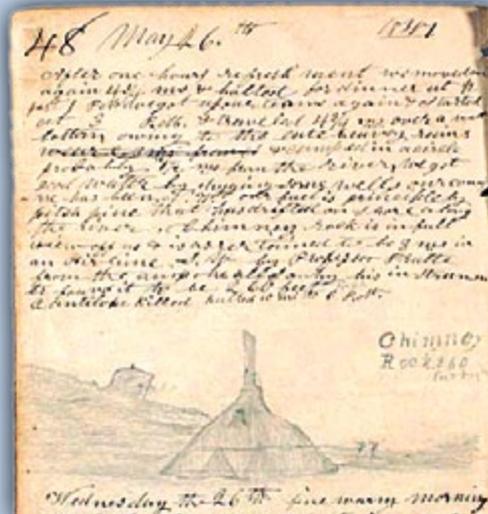


# Luke Johnson

# Appleton Harmon



Two ideas of what you could put in your journal come from Appleton Harmon's journal. You can see that he put down the dates of when he wrote. That's very important. Always put the date so you won't have to wonder about when you wrote something. Appleton also sketched what he saw as he traveled west.



In your journal, you could draw a picture of your family or of an event in your life such as a piano recital. You could also draw what you see when you look out your window.

# Journal in the West

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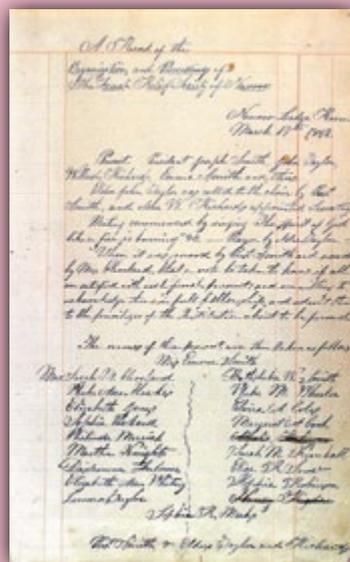
our journals that were kept more  
pioneers. By looking carefully at  
you can write in your own journal.  
as you can. Then when you grow  
u can share some things from  
at you were like when you were



# Eliza R. Snow

Eliza R. Snow was the first secretary of the Relief Society. She wrote about what happened at meetings she attended in a special book. Because she did this, we know what happened at the very first Relief Society meeting.

Sister Snow wrote poems in her personal journal, including the lyrics for 10 of the hymns in our hymnbook.



When you want to remember a talk from sacrament meeting or a story you heard in Primary, you can write it in your journal. If you like to write poems, your journal is a good place to keep them.





# Pioneer Message

By Chad E. Phares

What is this pioneer girl saying? To find out, follow the directions and cross off the words from the list below.

\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ ,

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ .



1. Cross off three animal names.
2. Cross off four names of prophets.
3. Cross off four fruits.
4. Cross off six words that start with the letter C.
5. Cross off three words that include the letter Q.
6. Cross off six words that are spelled the same forward and backward.
7. Write the 16 remaining words from left to right and top to bottom in the spaces above to see the message. See answer on page 48.

giraffe the Nephi  
quicksand trail mom  
from cucumber  
banana cake Nauvoo  
pop Moses Illinois  
cold to racecar  
the Lehi Great  
apple noon Salt  
zebra centimeter  
pear Lake Alma  
earthquake Valley  
dad was core quit  
approximately tiger  
1,300 peep  
canteen miles  
apricot long



# Even Though EVERYONE ELSE Is Doing It



From an interview with Elder F. Michael Watson of the Seventy; by Megan Withers Roxas

*[Ye] are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets (Ephesians 2:20).*

When I was a young boy, I loved to watch a television show called *The Lone Ranger*. It was about a cowboy hero and his friends. The Lone Ranger always stood for right choices. At times, there would be individuals who did not want to choose the right. They would cause problems for others. When the Lone Ranger tried to help, he often would be chased by those who wanted to hurt him. In his escape, the Lone Ranger would get on his horse, Silver, and try to outrun them. Sometimes he would ride under a low-hanging branch of a tree and reach up and take hold of the limb. Silver would continue on as the Lone Ranger pulled himself up into the tree to hide.

I tried that once when I was riding my horse. I grabbed the limb of a tree, and my horse kept going. But then the limb broke and I fell to the ground. I suffered the consequence of that decision with a broken arm. It was very painful.

I gained a little wisdom from that experience. Even though we see other people do something, especially if it is wrong, it doesn't mean that we should do it. We all have friends, and sometimes they do not always follow the teachings of the gospel.

Despite what our friends are doing, it is important that we always follow the teachings of the gospel. "Follow the prophet; he knows the way" (*Children's*



*Songbook*, 110–11). He will always teach us the things we need to do to make right decisions. As we follow those principles, they will become a very important part of us. ♦



# Josh and the Dragon

By Laurie Walker  
(Based on a true story)



"I will honor my parents and do my part  
to strengthen my family."

My Gospel Standards

*The righteous are bold as a lion* (Proverbs 28:1).

Josh patted his stomach, feeling more than a little full.

"That was so good," he said, smiling at Mom and Dad.

"Are you done already?" Mom asked. "You must have been really hungry."

"I was," Josh said. He eyed the indoor playground in the restaurant where they were eating. "Can I go play now?"

Dad nodded. "Go ahead."

Josh jumped up from the table, cleared away his trash, and headed to the playground. He knew it wouldn't be long before his little brother and sister came to join him.

He had just finished climbing to the top of what he imagined to be a giant mountain where he was about to battle a dragon when he heard a voice chirp from far below.

"Joshy?"

That was his sister Anna's nickname for him. She was almost four. He loved her a lot.

"Just a minute, Anna," Josh called out as he raced for the twisty slide. In a flash he was down at the bottom, ready to help his sister climb. About halfway up, his younger brother, Brian, joined them. The three of them started off on a grand adventure with dragons and knights and princesses. Anna was the princess,

of course. Josh wanted to be the knight, and Brian was happy to be a growly dragon.

It wasn't long before their imaginary world was interrupted by a group of children coming in to play. Josh didn't mind. He liked making new friends. After a few minutes, though, he began to wonder if playing with them was a good idea. The kids were nice, but they kept swearing.

Josh had been baptized a year ago, and he had been trying hard to choose the right. Mom and Dad had been talking a lot about choosing which words to use. They had taught him that Heavenly Father didn't like swearing, mean words, or name-calling.

Josh really wanted to stay and play, but he didn't like listening to bad words. Maybe the other kids would stop if he asked. Josh turned to the group. "Could you please not swear?" he asked quietly.

"Whatever," one of the boys said. None of the kids stopped swearing. Josh said a quick prayer asking what to do. Into his mind popped an image of himself dressed in knight's armor, fighting a dragon. Behind him were his brother and sister. All of a sudden, Josh knew it was more important to protect his little brother and sister from hearing the swearing than to keep playing.

"Come on, guys," Josh said. "Let's go see Mom and Dad."

The three of them went down the slide and ran to their family.

"What are you doing back so soon?" Dad asked, ruffling Josh's hair.

Josh shrugged. "Some kids in there were swearing," he said. "I didn't want Anna and Brian to hear it."

Dad patted him on the shoulder. "I'm proud of you for watching out for your little brother and sister."

Josh smiled. It was almost like he really was a knight watching over those he loved while fighting a dragon. Josh also knew he'd done more than protect his brother and sister—he had also protected himself. ♦





# Trying to Be Like Jesus

## Saying No



**W**hen I was at my friend's house, she asked me if I wanted some coffee. I wanted some because some of my other friends said that it was good. I thought for a minute and asked myself if Jesus would do it. Suddenly I felt the Holy Ghost comforting me. I told my friend, "No, thank you." She said, "Are you sure? It's really good." Again, I said, "No, thank you." I was grateful that the Holy Ghost was there to comfort me. I was also grateful that I could tell my friend no.

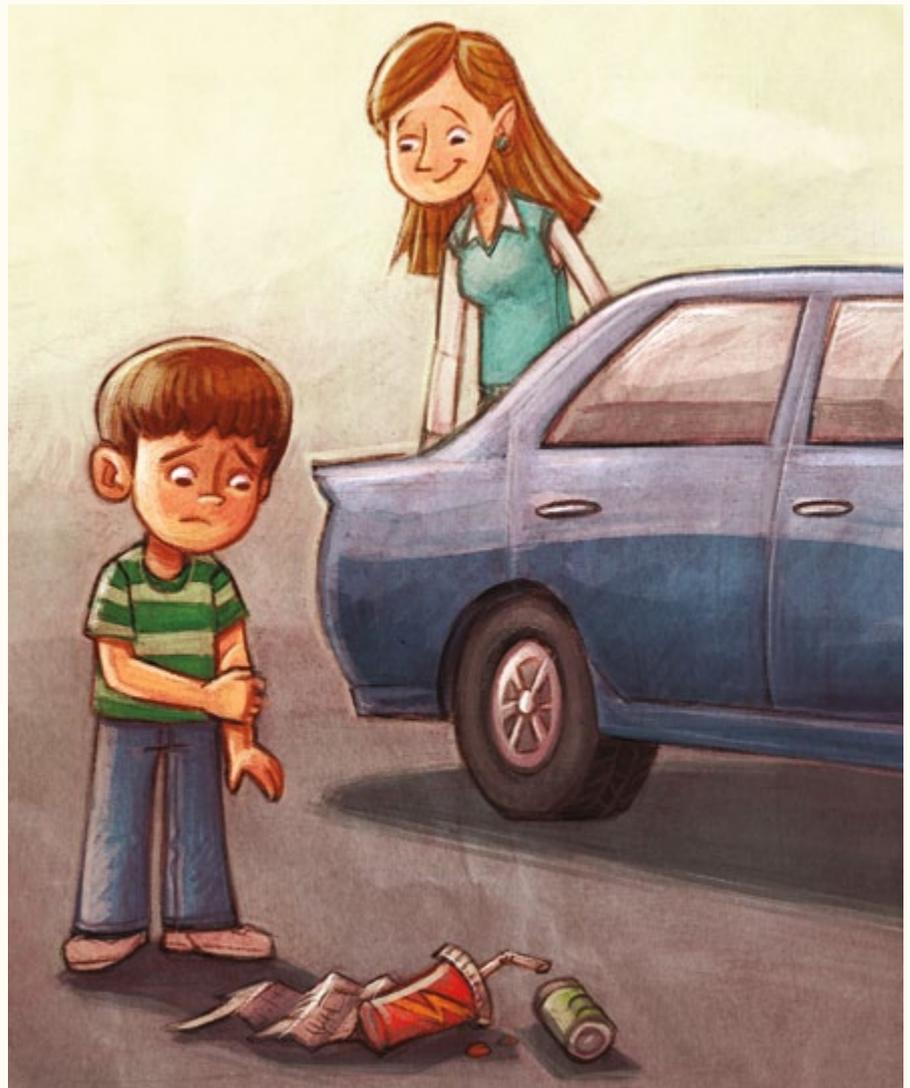
**Ellie A., age 11, Utah**

## A Friendly Invitation



**W**hen I was at recess I saw a boy in my class who looked really sad. I was playing with my friends, and I thought about what Jesus would do. Then I went over and asked the boy to play basketball with me. He was happy, and we played basketball together.

**Brighten D., age 7, California**



## Cleaning Up

**O**ne day I was going to the store with my mom. I saw some garbage on our car. I didn't want it there, so I threw it on the ground. But then I felt that I should pick it up, and I thought that the feeling was from the Holy Ghost. I picked up the trash. I know that we should keep the earth clean.

**Peter W., age 8, Oregon**





## Sharing a Treat

**W**e were having a treat at the table. My little sister finished her candies first and was sad when they were all gone. I shared some of my candies with her. This made her so happy. I'm trying to follow Jesus by sharing.

**Adam T., age 5, Minnesota**

## Family Helper



**O**nce when my whole family was sick I helped take care of everyone. I made chicken noodle soup for my brother and sister. I asked my other sister if she needed anything. After that, I took my mom and dad some water. Then my little brother needed me again. I know that the right thing to do is help and serve others the way Jesus did.

**Shealee G., age 10, California**

## Good Friends



**A** girl at church didn't want to go to class because she didn't feel like she had any friends. So my other friend and I invited her to class. She said yes! For the next few weeks we all walked to class together. Then one Sunday she came over to get me to go to class. I've learned about being a good friend. It's also making me a good missionary.

**Lindsey E., age 5, Utah**



Tell us how you're trying to be like Jesus. Turn to page 48 to find out how to send us a letter.

# Together Forever

By Rebecca Cornish Talley

(Based on a true story)

*He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers (3 Nephi 25:6).*

1. Before the temple near their home was dedicated, Olivia invited her grandma to come with her to the temple open house.



2. Mom told me that when she and Dad come to the temple, they wear white clothes.

That's right.

3.

When you turn 12, you'll get to come here and do baptisms for the dead.

I'm so excited!

3.

4.

Sealings will be performed in this room. Stand in front of this mirror and look at the mirror across the room. What do you see?

It's as if we go on and on forever.

Just like our family, right? We'll even see Grandpa again someday.

You're right. If we keep the commandments, we can be with Grandpa and all of our family because we've been sealed in the temple.



5. Olivia and Grandma followed the tour guide into the temple's celestial room.

I like how it feels in here. I feel happy.

I do too.

6.

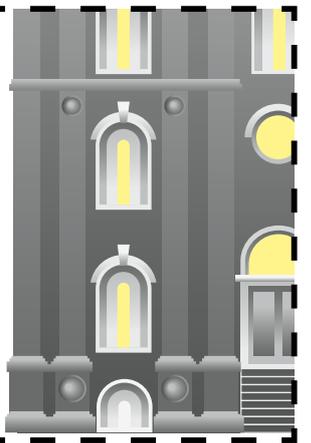
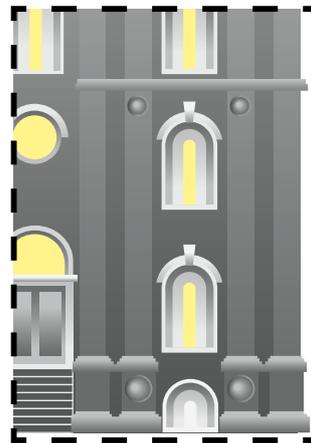
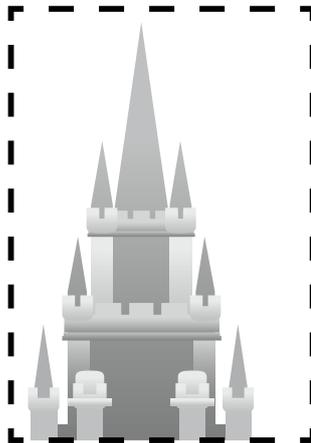
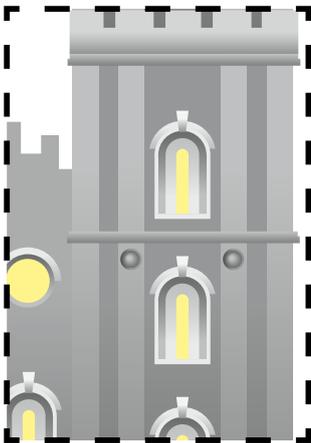
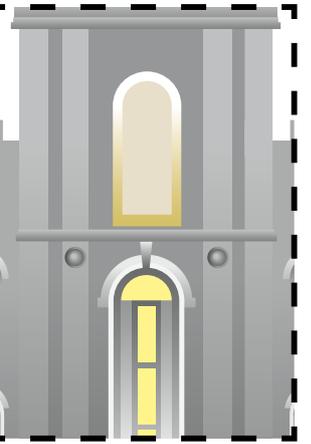
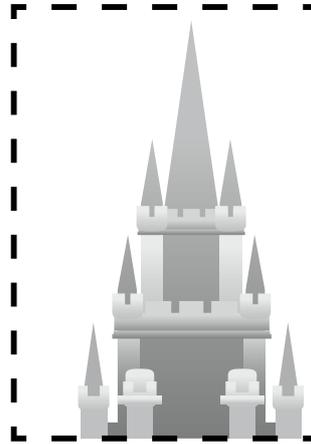
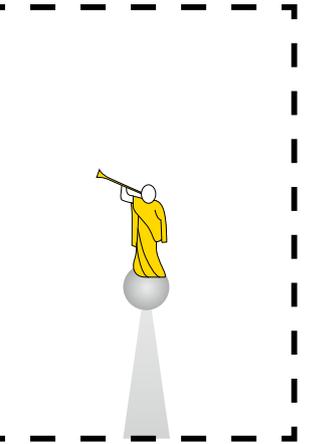
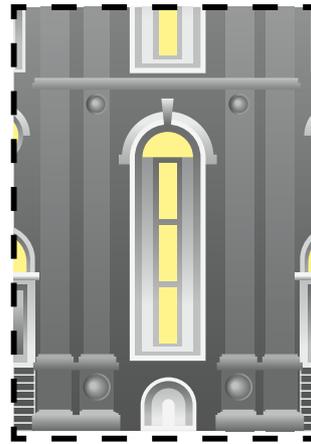
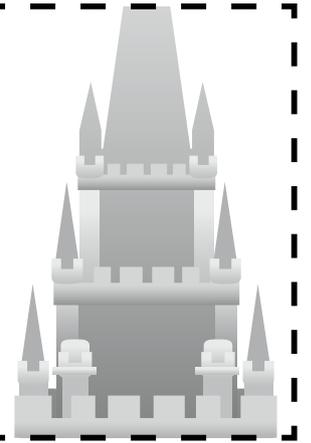
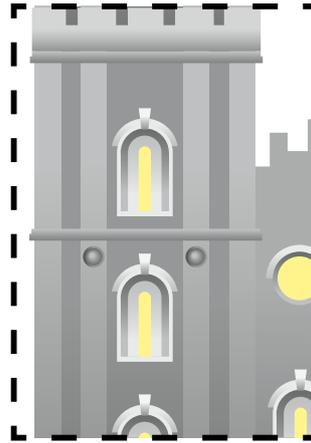
I love the temple, Grandma. Someday, when I'm older, I'll come back and be married here. I'm happy that our whole family can be together forever—even Grandpa.

That's right. I'm very thankful for the temple, for the open house, and for you.



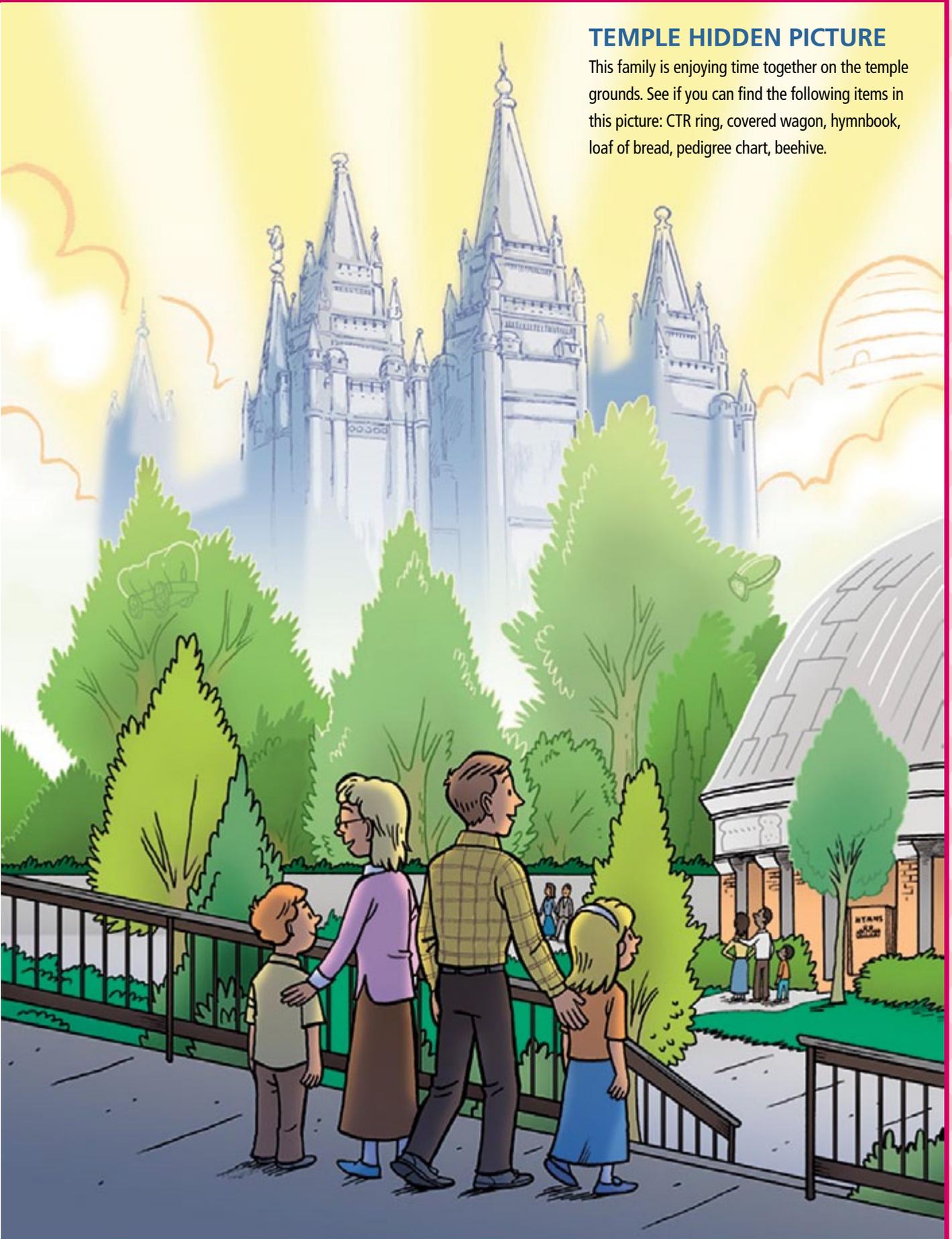
## BUILDING A TEMPLE

It took the early settlers of the Salt Lake Valley 40 years to build the Salt Lake Temple. With an adult's help, cut out these parts to the temple and put the pieces together to build a model.



## TEMPLE HIDDEN PICTURE

This family is enjoying time together on the temple grounds. See if you can find the following items in this picture: CTR ring, covered wagon, hymnbook, loaf of bread, pedigree chart, beehive.



# The Blessing Cantaloupe

By Heather M. Smith

(Based on a true story)

*Plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them* (Jeremiah 29:5).

Dad dumped some compost onto the soil.

“What are you doing, Dad?” Caleb asked.

“I’m getting the soil prepared for our garden.”

“Why do we need a garden?” Caleb asked. “Can’t we just buy food at the store?”

“Yes, but the prophets have counseled us to plant a garden, and I want to obey,” Dad said.

Dad and Caleb worked to prepare the soil. Finally, the garden was ready to plant.

On Saturday the whole family planted seeds in their garden. There were beans, corn, yellow squash, zucchini, cucumbers, and pumpkins.

Every morning, Caleb walked around the garden looking for weeds. Before picking each weed he asked Dad to make sure it wasn’t a seedling.

Then one day, Dad announced that the first plant had popped up. Caleb ran out to the garden. When he saw the tiny leaves peeking out of the ground, he couldn’t hide his disappointment.

“What’s the matter, Caleb?” Dad asked.

“I guess I just thought it would be bigger.”

“Don’t worry. It will grow,” Dad said.

Dad was right. Every day the plant grew a little bigger. Then more plants popped up. Soon the whole garden was filled with plants.

One morning Caleb noticed a plant growing right next to the yellow squash. It looked different than the squash plant.

“Hey, Dad, what’s this plant over here?”

Dad came over. “I don’t know. It doesn’t look like a squash. We’ll just have to wait and find out.”

Whenever Caleb was in the garden, he checked on



**"Have your own experience in planting a garden. . . . Our labors will continue to bring forth more abundant harvest each year as we follow the Lord's law of the harvest."<sup>6</sup>**

Elder L. Tom Perry of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles



the mystery plant. Before long, he noticed a green ball on the vine. Excitedly, he showed Dad.

"Looks like it might be some kind of melon," Dad said. "That's strange. We didn't plant any melons."

Each week the ball got bigger and bigger, and soon it started to turn a tan color.

"I think that's a cantaloupe, Caleb," Dad said one day. "It must have grown from some seeds that were in the compost."

Caleb could hardly wait for the melon to grow. He loved cantaloupe.

Soon the garden was producing food for the family. Caleb enjoyed helping with the harvest. Mom bottled many of the fruits and vegetables, and they gave extras to neighbors.

"Caleb, would you go pick a yellow squash for dinner tonight?" Mom asked one evening.

"Sure, Mom!" Caleb ran to the garden. As he gently moved the cantaloupe so he could pick the biggest yellow squash, the cantaloupe fell off the vine. Caleb went to find Dad.

"Dad, I didn't mean to, but the cantaloupe broke off the vine when I moved it," Caleb said.

"That's OK," Dad said. "That probably means it's ready to be picked."

Caleb grinned. "Really? You mean it's done?"

Dad laughed. "Let's taste it and find out!"

Caleb brought the cantaloupe into the kitchen, and Dad cut off two slices.

"I guess this cantaloupe is one way Heavenly Father is blessing us for following the prophet," Dad said.

Caleb looked at the colorful pile of produce on the counter that was waiting to be bottled. "Heavenly Father has blessed us a lot!" he said.

They both smiled as they took their first bite of cantaloupe. It was delicious! ♦



**I Promise**

I promise to  
Be kind in all I do,  
Be honest, peaceful, and true,  
To have faith in my family, friends, and God,  
To love them with every bit of my heart.

I promise to be virtuous,  
Have hope till the end,  
To be grateful for what we have—  
Reminded again and again;  
To be mourning with those who mourn,  
To be meek and humble,  
Never give up and give it my all;  
Be cautious and obedient,  
Not afraid to fall;  
Keep friends and family in my heart,  
Be clean and caring from the start.

I promise to have clean thoughts  
And to have a clean mind,  
To cherish my blessings all of the time.  
I promise to set higher goals,  
Be more and more responsible,  
To show respect to everyone,  
To be kind to every nation and tongue,  
Live every day like it's the last one;  
To think of myself as if I won  
A battle between good and bad,  
Me on the good side—always have been.

I promise to keep my family heritage living on,  
To help my kids grow up strong.

I promise to always love.

*Brianne R., age 11, Michigan*

**Creation**

On the first day God made the earth.  
He gave it some light  
And separated day from night.

On the second day  
He laid the clouds;  
He put them in the sky  
And they would be like shrouds.

On the third day  
He made water and the land  
So the earth could be grand.

On the fourth day  
He made plants,  
And after He did  
We could make pants.

On the fifth  
He made the stars.  
They sparkled bright  
But you couldn't catch them in jars.

On the sixth  
He made water animals, land animals,  
and fowl.  
He didn't make towels  
But made us in His image.

On the last day  
They all had rest  
And it was best.

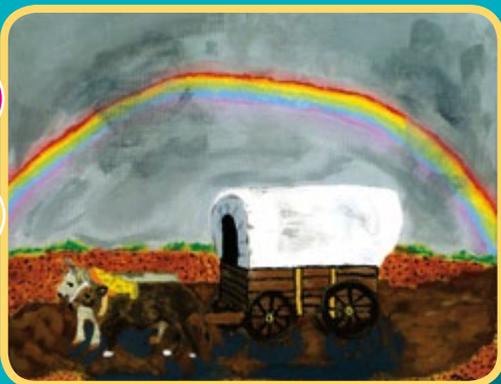
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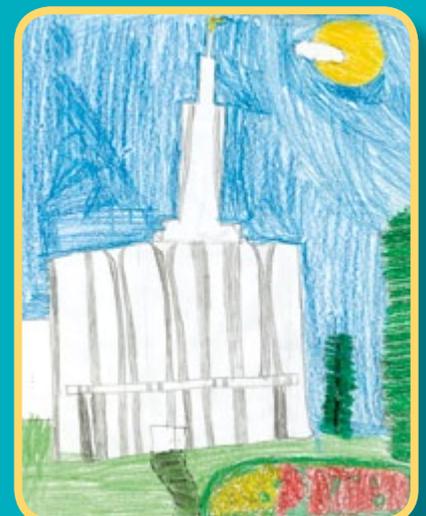
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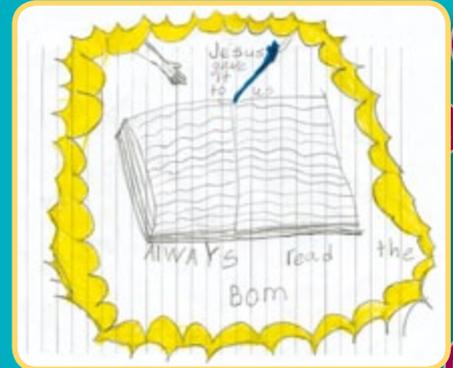
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Would you like to send us a poem or drawing? Turn to page 48 to find out how.



Clayton L., age 4, Singapore



Isabella M., age 9, Tennessee

You can use this lesson and activity to learn more about this month's Primary theme.

# The Temple Is a House of God

*Sacred ordinances and covenants available in holy temples make it possible for individuals to return to the presence of God and for families to be united eternally* (“The Family: A Proclamation to the World”).

**By JoAnn Child and Cristina Franco**

**H**ow do you feel when you see the beauty of the temple? Do these words come to your mind: “I love to see the temple. I’m going there someday”?

Sometimes when children sing the song “I Love to See the Temple,”\* they desire to go to the temple someday, but they do not understand why there are temples, what happens in the temple, or what they must do to be able to go inside. Let’s find out more about the temple.

## Why are there temples?

The Lord said, “Build a house to my name, for the Most High to dwell therein” (D&C 124:27). The Lord’s Spirit dwells in His temples. The temple is a house of God. It is a place where we make covenants (or promises) with Heavenly Father. If we

keep our covenants, we will be able to live with Him again.

## What happens in the temple?

Everyone must be baptized to return to Heavenly Father. Many of Heavenly Father’s children died without being baptized. After you turn 12, you can be baptized in the temple for those people so they can have the same blessings.

In the temple we also receive an endowment, or gift. This gift is the promise that if we keep the commandments, we can have eternal life.

In the temple a husband and wife can be sealed as a family for time and eternity. That means if they stay worthy, they will be married forever as part of an eternal family.

Everything done in the temple

is done by the priesthood—the power and authority of God.

## How do I prepare to go inside someday?

To go inside the temple, you must be at least 12 years old and be baptized and confirmed. You need to believe in Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, and in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. You need to strive to live Heavenly Father’s commandments. Your bishop or branch president will interview you to make sure you are worthy to enter the temple, and you will receive a temple recommend to show at the temple. Having a recommend means that you are living the way you should to go inside.

When you stay on the path that takes you to the temple, you will be prepared to go there “to feel the Holy Spirit, to listen and to pray. For the temple is a house of God, a place of love and beauty.” ♦

\* *Children’s Songbook*, 95.



## ACTIVITY

Look at both pictures. Which family is ready to go to a temple open house?

(1) In the top picture, circle the things that are helping the family prepare to visit the temple. (2) In the bottom picture, circle things the family needs to change to get ready to go. (3) Think of one thing you can do to prepare to go to the temple when you are older. Write your idea beneath the pictures.



I can prepare to go to the temple by \_\_\_\_\_.



# King Benjamin Addresses His People

By Chad E. Phares

Before he died, King Benjamin instructed his people to build a tower. Families gathered to listen to him speak. He stood on the tower and taught the people about service, keeping the commandments, and Jesus Christ's Atonement.

1. Which of these puzzle pieces belong in the numbered spaces? Find the answers on page 48.
2. In this picture, find and circle a goat, a boy on his mother's lap, a ladder, a water pot, a tent, and a man with his hands on his hips.



C



D



# Say What?

By Chad E. Phares

These words may not seem to make sense, but if you say them out loud you will hear things you can do to help make your home a happy one. Write the actual words below the nonsense words. The first one is done for you. Find the answers on page 48.

1. Half am leap rare

*Have family prayer*

2. Bare testy mow knee

3. Ink clue doth heirs

4. Deuce um think nigh eyes

5. Hog yore moth their

6. Thee ink cap pea thaw its

7. Comb too den her

8. Loaf yore broth hearse send see stirs

9. Tall cub out thick awe spell

10. Beak hind too yore pear ants

11. Full feel yard who tees

12. List hint took hood muse ick

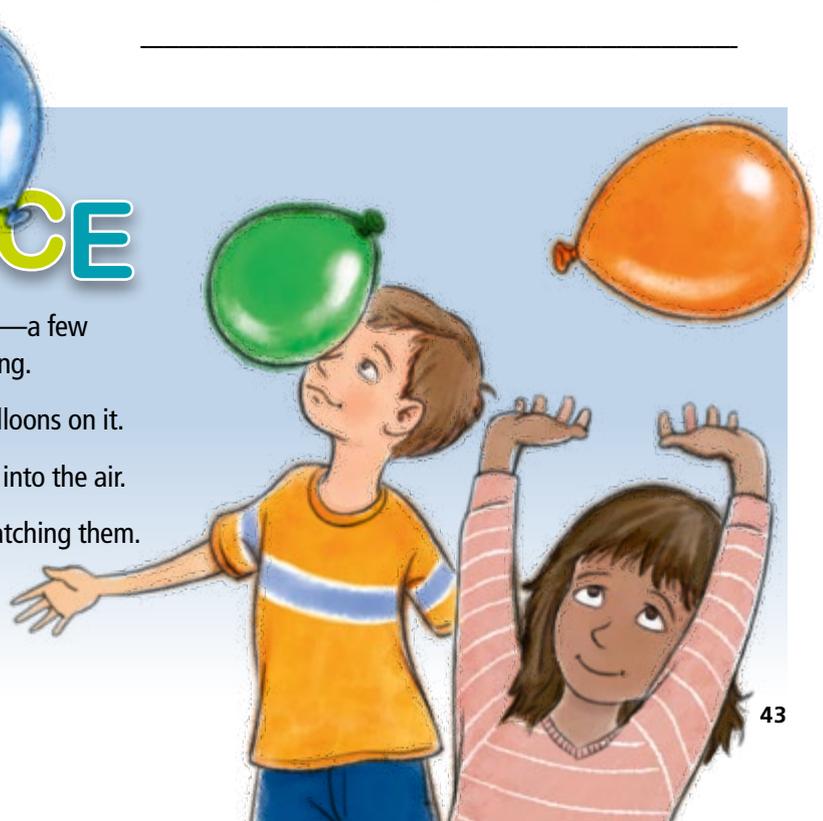
13. Fall oak hood ex ham pulls

14. Spinned I'm tall king ab out these crib shores

Run, Jump, Play!

## Balloon BOUNCE

1. Have a parent help you blow up some balloons—a few more balloons than the number of people playing.
2. Spread a blanket on the ground and put the balloons on it.
3. Have everyone pick up a balloon and bounce it into the air.
4. Try to keep all the balloons in the air without catching them.
5. To make the game more challenging, try doing it without using your hands.



# Pioneer Day in Tahiti

By Maria T. Moody

**C**hildren of the Papeete Tahiti Stake love pioneers! They gathered with their parents for a stake Pioneer Day activity honoring the pioneers who journeyed to the Salt Lake Valley in 1847.

Each ward built a pioneer wagon—some made with bicycle wheels and one with cardboard horses. The children marched in a parade, played pioneer games, and enjoyed delicious food.

Pioneer Day is also a special day to remember people in every country who accept the gospel and help teach it to others. All of these people are pioneers too! ♦



*This family had matching bonnets, aprons, and suspenders.*

*These boys pulled their ward's covered wagon in the parade.*

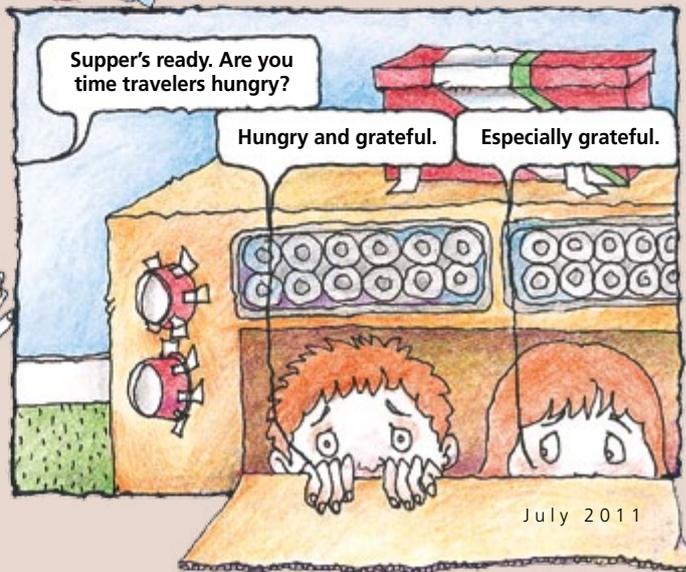
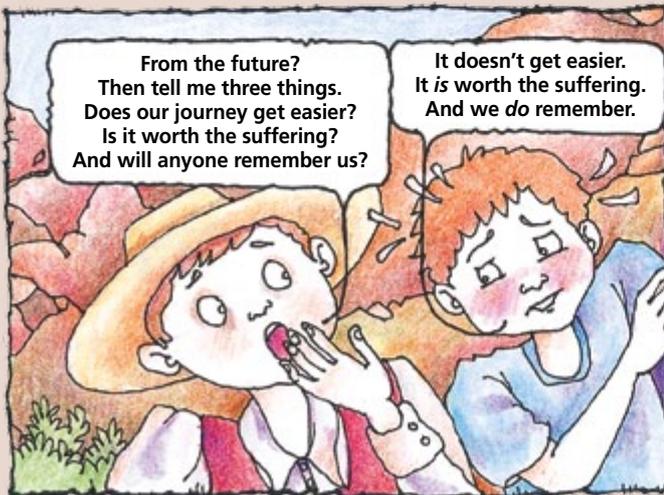
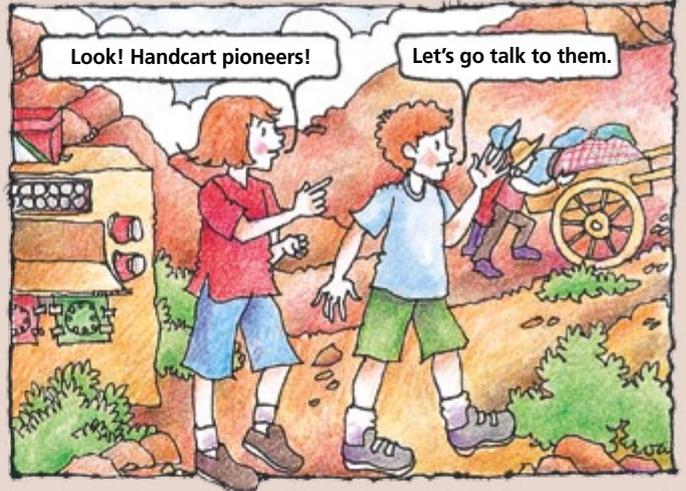
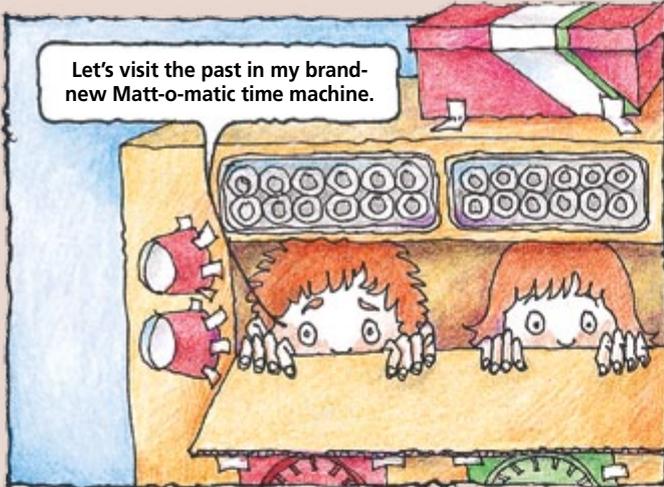


*Some of the girls wore skirts and pioneer bonnets. Some of the boys wore hats and bandannas.*

PHOTOGRAPHS BY MICHAEL MOODY



# MATT AND MANDY





**I can prepare to be worthy to go to the temple.**  
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ILLUSTRATION BY BETH M. WHITTAKER

# Friends in the News



**Point Cook Ward**  
Primary children from the Point Cook Ward, Melbourne Australia Wyndham Stake, visited the Melbourne Australia Temple. They toured the temple grounds, and the temple president and matron answered their questions and gave them all a picture of the temple. The children behaved respectfully and were fortunate to see a newly married couple come out of the temple.



**Rachel T.**, 9, Alaska, knows she is a child of God. She enjoys reading her scriptures with her family every day. She misses her sister, who is on a mission in California, and would like to go on a mission someday too.



**Ryan and Austin M.**, 6 and 4, Idaho, are best friends and brothers. They enjoy playing cars together. Ryan enjoys reading the *Friend* magazine before bed. Austin likes going to Primary. Both boys like swimming at their grandparents' house and eating strawberries and raspberries from their garden.



**Jared M.**, 8, Utah, reached his goal to read the Book of Mormon before he was baptized. He enjoys playing with plastic building blocks and going to the park. He plays baseball and soccer.



**Stella F.**, 4, Arizona, likes to play with her brothers and sisters. She enjoys dancing and performing. She can't wait to be in her first Primary sacrament meeting presentation and sing for the congregation.



**Ben W.**, 9, Ontario, Canada, likes playing with his two sisters and building snow forts. He goes to a French-speaking school, and he likes being able to talk with his Quebecois relatives in their own language. Ben's favorite part of Primary is singing time. He knows that speaking with his grandparents in French makes them happy.



## Peak View Ward

The Primary children in the Peak View Ward, Flagstaff Arizona Stake, made bread for the older members of their ward. The children also were encouraged to serve their family members and follow the example of Jesus Christ.



**Logan D.**, 6, Michigan, likes to draw pictures and make crafts. He is excited to read the *Friend* every month. He enjoys sharing, going to church, and singing Primary songs. He loves his Primary teacher.

Would you like to be a friend in the news? Turn to page 48 to find out how.



## Possible Ideas for Family Home Evening

1. With a parent's help, make cookies or a card and deliver them to someone who is sick, like Megan does in "Cookies for Charlie" (pages 8–9).
2. "The Seagulls" (page 22) tells a story from Church history. Read the poem as a family, and then learn a story from your family history.
3. Read President Henry B. Eyring's message (pages 2–3). Do the activity "Who Are Your Guides?" on page 3. Have each family member

draw a picture of someone who has been a guide in his or her life.

4. This week, look for ways to help others fulfill their callings, just like Isaac helps his father in "The Calling" (pages 4–5).

5. Use the "Bringing Primary Home" lesson and activity to learn more about this month's Primary theme (pages 40–41).

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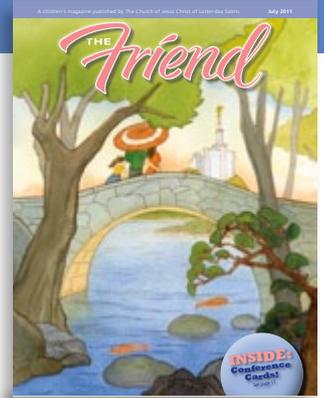
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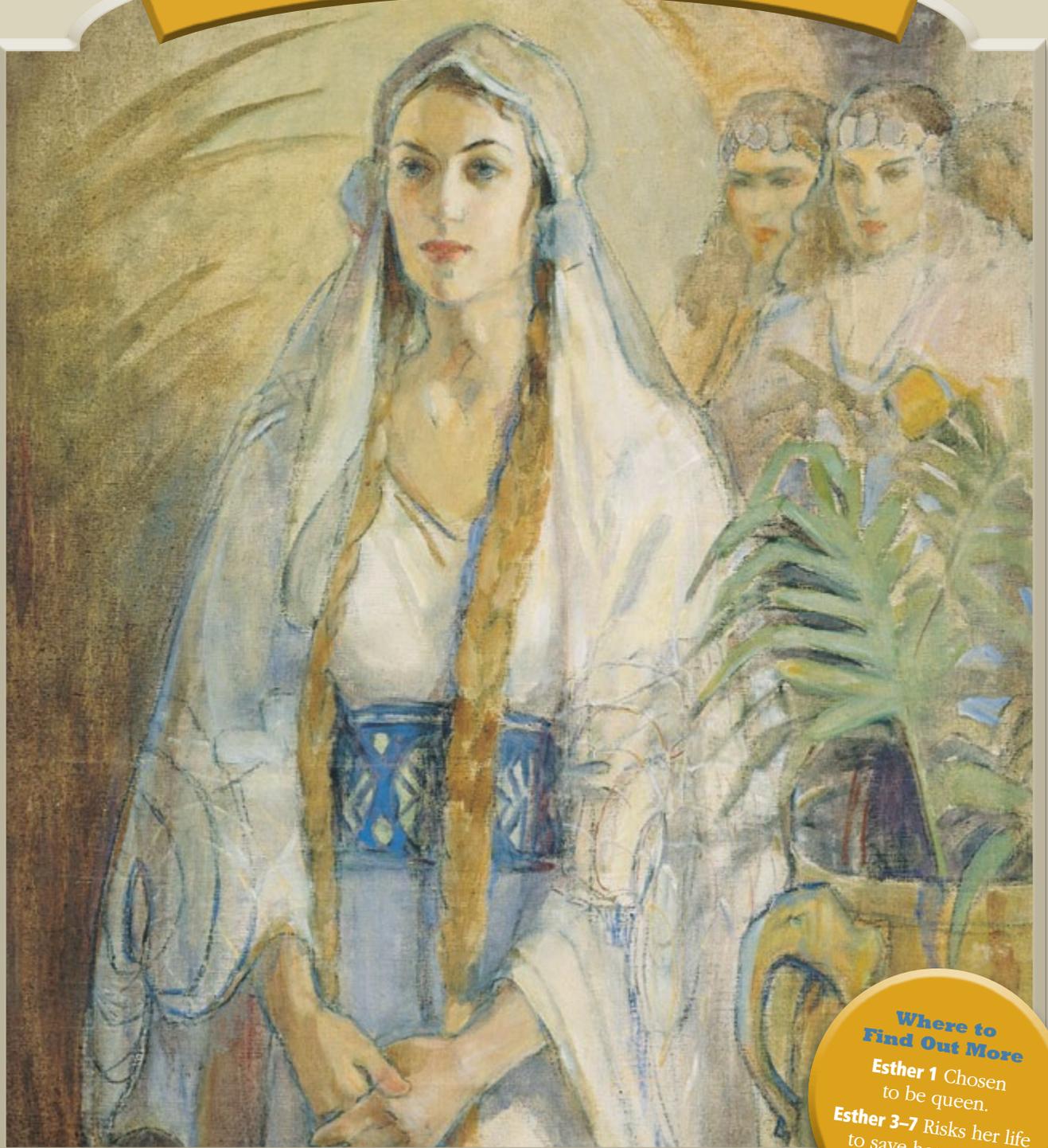
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# Esther



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## Where to Find Out More

**Esther 1** Chosen to be queen.

**Esther 3-7** Risks her life to save her people.

A wicked man convinced the king to kill all the Jews. Even though she could have been killed, Queen Esther went to the king and told him she was a Jew. She asked him not to kill her people. Because the king loved Esther, he ordered that no Jews should be killed. You can be like Esther by standing up for others who may be bullied or teased because they act or look differently. Pray about how you can help.



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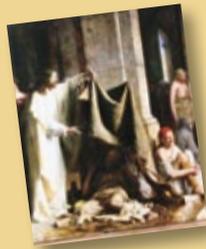


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